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University of Sussex International Summer School
UCEAP Advising Notes

Objective of the Advising Notes Document
This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student’s decision to apply for an EAP program. The document is not a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment. The best source of detailed program information is always the UCEAP Program Guide from the prior academic cycle, as well as Sussex’s International Summer School website. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website, in the Program Guide or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

This document does not reference the physics track. Please refer to this link for more information on the Physics track at the University of Sussex International Summer School:
https://myapp.berkeley.edu/uceap/advisingnotes/physics.pdf

Advisor Contact Information
The BSA Adviser for Ireland is Katie Weibel (weibel@berkeley.edu). Katie has spent time traveling England and would be happy to help you compare universities/cities in this program. Her drop-in hours are Tuesdays 10-12, Thursdays 1-2, Fridays 2-3, or by appointment.

Applications 2019-20
You can use the document, “Preparing for the UCEAP application” to assist you.
http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/uceap-how-apply

Berkeley students will start their application via the Berkeley Study Abroad website. From within this interactive application, students will be instructed to complete a secondary application in the MyEAP system. Once a student completes the MyEAP application, they will upload it to their Berkeley Study Abroad application. Later on in the process, students will also apply directly to their host university.

Program Location
The University of Sussex is located just outside the popular beach resort city of Brighton, which is known for its vibrant nightlife and cosmopolitan atmosphere. Spending time in Brighton has been one of the highlights of the Sussex summer program for many students. One of Brighton’s nicknames is “London by the Sea” because you are only an hour’s train ride away. Other nicknames for Brighton are “Britain's San Francisco” and “The Gay Capital of Britain.” The campus is surrounded by a National Park.

Sussex International Summer School website: www.sussex.ac.uk/iss/
This site has the full program description, information on housing, and course descriptions for 58 courses in fields of study such as art, anthropology, biology, business & management, drama, economics, education and
Academics

Flexibility is important. Keep in mind that the courses you find in the EAP Course Catalog or on the host university's web site may not be offered the semester(s) you will be abroad. Often times you will not have concrete information about what courses will be offered until a couple months before departure or even until upon arrival in Ireland. Be prepared for the possibility that you will have to modify your plans.

All students are required to take two courses (4 semester UC units each). Each course is four weeks long to total an 8 week program.

The International Summer School at the University of Sussex offers four track options:

1. Physics
2. Psychology
3. MCAT Prep
4. International Summer School (you choose any two courses from the ISS 2019 course catalog. Physics and the MCAT prep courses are not an option for this track)

Please review the course offerings in these tracks via the UCEAP Course & Credits tab.

Delayed Grades from Abroad: Important for Seniors

Depending on the host institution, UCEAP will transmit your UCEAP courses, units, and grades to Berkeley up to 90 days after your program officially ends. You cannot be administratively graduated until your UCEAP grades are reported to Berkeley, are posted to your transcript, and a degree audit is conducted.

The Berkeley Office of the Registrar only administratively graduates students (a.k.a. degrees are “posted” to transcripts) three times per year: October for students with a summer anticipated graduation date, February for students with a Fall anticipated graduation date, and July for students with a Spring anticipated graduation date. If your EAP grades arrive after degrees are posted for your term of participation, your degree will be processed and posted to your transcript with the next term’s degree list.

You can review this chart to see when students at your host university in the past have had their EAP grades transmitted to the Berkeley Office of the Registrar. Factoring in a 1 to 4-week delay for grades to appear on your Berkeley transcript, determine when your degree is likely to be posted by the Berkeley Office of the Registrar (October, July or February).

If you determine that your grades are likely to arrive later than the term you need to graduate from Berkeley to stay eligible for your graduate program or another post-graduation opportunity, contact the program/employer you are applying to as early as possible. Ask about their policy on delayed graduation due to study abroad participation. Find out how long they can wait for UCEAP grades to be recorded on your official Berkeley transcript and for your degree to be posted by the Berkeley Office of the Registrar.

Ask your graduate program or employer if you can provide some academic information while waiting for your UCEAP grades or Berkeley diploma. If courses and grades do not yet appear on your Berkeley transcript, ask the program/employer if it will accept an official “Verification of UCEAP Coursework.” This is a letter from UCEAP verifying dates of UCEAP attendance and giving the estimated dates of arrival for course titles, units, and grades. You can get this letter from your BSA Campus Adviser or from your UCEAP Academic Specialist for your program. If your UCEAP grades already appear on your Berkeley transcript but you are waiting for your degree to be posted, you can also request a Certificate of Completion. Read more about Transcripts and Diplomas on the Office of the Registrar website.
EAP Alums
EAP alumni are one of your best resources for information about the program. If you would like to be put in touch with alums, simply send the BSA Adviser an email with your list of questions and the contact information of returnees who have agreed to be contacted will be shared.

EAP Alum-Created Resources
Some of our returnees have created presentations to share with others. You can look at their work through the Student Created Resource Google folder that we will continually update with tips, example schedules and presentations from students who have participated on this program.
Curriculum
The program offers:

- Physics 1 and 2 calculus-based courses offered at Sussex are pre-approved to satisfy the Physics 8A and 8B prerequisite courses.
- MCAT Prep Course offered at Sussex that covers all recommended topics on psychological, social, and biological foundations of behavior for students planning to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). This course has not be pre-approved by the Psychology Department at Berkeley.

Prerequisites for Physics Students
Physics for Life sciences applicants are required to have taken two sequential courses of Single-Variable Calculus with a minimum grade of C- and no repeats. This equates to the following at UC Berkeley: Math 1AB, Math 10AB, or Math 16AB. 2.50 cumulative GPA at the time of application and maintained through the end of the last term prior to departure.

The C- or above grade in math and GPA requirements are firm. For students who have repeated a math course, please know that the recommendation is no repeats. If you would still like to proceed with the application process, please take the diagnostic test and self-report how you do to Katie Weibel (weibel@berkeley.edu). If you feel comfortable with the material, you are usually welcome to continue in the application process. If you do not do well, I encourage you to reconsider this program.

Prerequisites for Psychology Students
2.00 cumulative GPA at the time of application and maintained through the end of the last term prior to departure.

Application Deadline and Selection
The 2018 International Summer School at the University of Sussex program has a rolling application deadline beginning October 13, 2017 and ending December 4, 2017. Qualified and complete applications will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Within 2-3 weeks of submitting your application to Berkeley, you will receive an email from Katie Weibel (weibel@berkeley.edu) about your standing. There will be three tiers of students, 1. Student who meet the prerequisites at time of application 2. Students who will complete the prerequisites by the end of spring 2018 and 3. Students who don't meet the prerequisites. Students will be officially selected once their fall 2017 grades are in Sussex. Selected students will then be asked to submit a host university application to Sussex. If you fail to submit your host university application to Sussex by the deadlines provided to you, you will forfeit your spot on the program. Sussex will make the final admission decision.

Competitiveness of the Program
Sussex ISS will be able to accommodate all qualified applicants who apply. However, the Physics program at Sussex has 130 spots. If you are not selected by Sussex, your study abroad advisor will inform you of other program options. If you are interested in submitting an application for a ‘back-up’ option, please contact UK Adviser Katie Weibel (weibel@berkeley.edu) before the application deadline. You do not need to submit a

How to decide if a particular program is a good match for you
If you are deciding between the three summer programs that offer physics, there is a document that reviews the differences and similarities between the programs. You can find it here: Compare Summer Physics programs.

Academics
Students take 2 (two) consecutive courses worth 4 semester units each, 8 units total for the program. The program is eight weeks long and is divided into two four-week sessions. Students can take only one course in each 4-week session. Students on UCEAP cannot take only one Physics course. Courses are both lower division (level I) and upper division (levels II and III). Level III courses are research-based.

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Students can elect to do research in place of a course. Sussex ISS will strive to place a student with a professor or post-graduate student doing research in an area of the student’s interest but cannot guarantee a suitable placement. This is not an option for students taking Physics 1&2.

Many students have commented on how intensive the physics program is. Please keep in mind that you’re completing a year’s worth of physics in only eight-weeks. This means midterms and finals fall every other week. Berkeley students say the work is similar to Berkeley, but at a much faster pace.

Science Majors & Med Schools
Many past students have taken the physics courses to fulfill pre-requisites for Integrative Biology, Molecular Cell Biology and some College of Natural Resources majors and also to fulfill requirements for the pre-med emphasis. Our Berkeley Career Center is very supportive of these summer physics programs and have stated the this is a pre-med requirement you can take abroad.

If you are interested in the MCAT prep course, I encourage you to have the syllabus reviewed by your major advisor and/or Pre-Med/Pre-Health Advisor.

Sussex Summer Application Fee
After selection, students will be asked to fill out the Sussex University Summer Program application. At this time students must pay a £150 application fee (about $195 if 1 GBP = $1.30). \textit{This fee is non-refundable.}

Physics Program Lab Fees
When students are required to fill out the Sussex Univ. Summer Program application students who intend to take the Physics I and II courses will be required to pay lab fees of 380 GBP (about $494 if 1 GBP = $1.30). This fee would be refunded if the student chose to withdraw by the deadline of May 1, 2018.

Meal Plan
In summer 2018, a meal plan including breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided to students Monday-Thursday.

Travel & Entry Clearance/Visas
You may not travel to or through the Republic of Ireland on your way to the United Kingdom. Do not book your flight on Aer Lingus, as it will make a stop in Dublin on its way to the U.K.

U.S. Citizens: You will obtain an entry clearance called the Student Visitor Visa when you arrive in the U.K. from British immigration officers at the airport or at another port of entry. UCEAP will provide detailed information about this clearance. You need to show proper documentation of your student status and evidence of financial support for the coming term abroad.

If you are not a U.S. citizen, check the United Kingdom Visa and Immigration (UKVI) website to determine the visa process for your country of citizenship.

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